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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated March 12, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks as set forth below. This Amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9 and 11 are independent. The Advisory Action indicates that Applicant's Amendment of February 25, 2003 will be entered for purposes of Appeal. Upon entering the Amendment, claim 11 has been allowed and claims 5, 7 have been objected to. Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-10 have been rejected.

**Rejection**

The Advisory Action dated March 12, 2003 indicates that "Applicant is respectfully invited to review the art of record in which the art of the primary reference discloses a five-lens-group zoom